

## Alamo Municipal Advisory Council

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*The Alamo Municipal Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.*

### **OCTOBER 6 RECORD OF ACTIONS**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL**

- All Members Present

#### **2. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS**

- District II Staff Update –
  - The next Alamo Liaison meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2020 via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 974 0650 7657; Password: 814791)
  - COVID19 County Response Update
- San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District update
  - Paige Meyer, Chief SRV Fire District, Jim Selover, Chief Drayton, Ron Marley (Emergency Preparedness Coordinator); Frank Drayton – Alamo Chief
  - Overview of what the Fire Department is doing
- Contra Costa County Sheriff - Valley Station Update
  - None.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes/speaker)**

*Pursuant to the Brown Act, this time is provided for members of the public and community groups to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction and not on the agenda. An opportunity will be provided as part of each agenda item for public comment on the item. Time allowed for each individual is three minutes. The Chair will recognize only those speakers who have filled out and turned in a speaker card.*

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

- None.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- Improvements and quote for Andrew H. Young Park
  - Removing sod, removing plants and cleaning up the whole park
  - Member Rock – explain the long-term costs; what will ongoing costs be
  - Member Struthers – where did we find the contractor?
  - Member Barclay makes a motion to accept report; Member Struthers seconds. Unanimous approval.
- Alamo 2021 Summer Series – Presentation by Public Works/Special Districts
  - First option – move forward as we normally would do with the understanding we may have to cancel (proposed dates: July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30). Would cut down to five events. Typically hold seven events. Amended contracts to go through October.

- Option 2 would be hosting the events as drive in concerts at the Alamo Plaza – Donahue Schriber is interested in participating.
- Option Three - Zoom Concerts. Special Districts would research the best way to move forward with these.
- Option Four - Cancel 2021 events.
- Explore the idea of hosting events at one of the Alamo schools or Hap Magee Park.

Motion to divide series to some events in Alamo Plaza in June (preference for June 25) and July events in Livorna Park. Flexibility around dates and locations.

- c. MS20-0004 - The applicant is requesting approval of a Minor Subdivision application to allow a 2-lot subdivision resulting in Parcel A: 22,367 square-feet and Parcel B: 20,324 square-feet, and an extension of existing private road easement to provide access to Parcel B. This application includes a request to approve variances for the average width of both parcels, Parcel A: 97-feet and Parcel B: 90-feet (where a 120-foot average width is required), and to approve a Tree Permit to allow tree removal for the construction of the road extension. The property address is 16 Crest Court, Alamo.
- Mike Gibson, AIA – AIA Planning Committee is recommending denial; citing slopes, shape of lot and tree impacts; the flat part of the lot is taken up with the hammerhead turnaround; the shape of the houses proposed are not realistic; Parcel B is not flat anywhere and it is very steep in a lot of the area
  - Teri Kilgore – 20 Crest Court; where the easement sits, there is confusion on where the driveway is, it is an easement on our property; additional ADUs are concerning; parking is also an issue; neighbors were notified very late; driveway is about 11 feet wide; significant slope issue; driveway access would require some significant retaining walls; driveway would sit up against our master bedroom; would change the character of the neighborhood
  - Coleen Dowd – live directly in front of the lot that is requesting the split; concerned with the 26% slope; requesting a denial of the application
  - Fariba Danesh (Applicant) – there are many homes in the area that have significant slopes
  - Member Barclay – it is a very tight cul-de-sac. Don't think that it is conducive to being split into two lots; going to result in nonstandard dimensions
  - Member Carter – does seem like the lot is small; if the applications didn't need easements, it would be different.
  - Member Bhandari – agree with AIA and Member Barclay, eight to ten contours, very steep slope which would make a house very difficult; owner should draw the actual house design and meet with the neighbors. Would be quite a bit of construction and there would be significant neighbor concerns
  - Member Rock – very good points by AIA and Member Barclay; we would be granting a special privilege to the applicant; this lot was designed this size for a reason.
  - Student Representative Herron – agree with the majority of members.

- Member Clark – usually when the MAC is looking at a variance, we have an applicant who is trying to build something; don't typically give a variance when it will cause a lot of additional problems
- Member Barclay – recommend denial; Member Struthers seconds; unanimous denial.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered by the Alamo MAC to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the Alamo MAC or a member of the public prior to the time the Alamo MAC votes on the motion to adopt.

- a. Approve August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Record of Actions.
  - i. Move to approve by Member Struthers, second by Member Bhandari.  
Unanimous approval.

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Alamo AOB Subcommittee for Schools: Carter (chair), Mick, Rock

Schools will be back in session (hybrid) January.

Alamo AOB Subcommittee for Downtown: Rock (chair), Barclay, Bhandari

Member Bhandari – could help redesign the parking lot with re-striping

Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee: Johnson (chair and P-5 MAC representative), Struthers

Land Use Planning Subcommittee: Barclay (chair) and Bhandari

Iron Horse Corridor Subcommittee: Struthers

Parks and Recreation subcommittee: Struthers (chair), Mick, Rock

New play structure is wonderful

Alamo Hay and Grain – for sale for \$1.9 million

Trees and Landscape Subcommittee: Rock (chair), Mick, Bhandari

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE (the following items are listed for informational purposes only and may be considered for discussion at a future meeting).**

- a. None

## **10. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE ALAMO MAC**

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Contra Costa County Proposed Tree Ordinance.
- b. Envision 2040.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting Member Bhandari; Adjourn to the Alamo MAC meeting on **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 6:00 P.M. at the Alamo Women's Club at 1401 Danville Blvd. If Health Officer orders still restrict gatherings at that time, the November meeting will be held with remote participation using Zoom or a similar platform.

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